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The nest and eggs of *Merops muelleri mentalis*

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Carter & Dickerman (1998) write that their description of the nest and eggs of *Merops muelleri* is the first for the Upper Guinea subspecies *mentalis*. This is not so, because the nest and eggs described by Serle (1954, p. 56) were of this form. It is generally accepted that the division between *mentalis* and the nominate is in SW Cameroon, and not as one might suppose west of the Dahomey Gap. Serle himself looked carefully at specimens before coming to this conclusion (1950, p. 360). This is one of several Upper Guinea birds which has its eastern distribution delimited by the Sanaga river system. But the nest that Carter & Dickerman report from Liberia does seem to be the only one described from Upper Guinea proper.

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